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1. By 25 October 1948 it was expected that the draftees from the Kavaya-Ftari-Durres region would report in Durres. The number of these was estimated at about 1,500. Training units for these draftees are still 1 Infantry Company and 1 Engineers Company. The period of training is expected to be five months.
2. In Durres there is still a unit of artillery consisting of eight pieces (evidently two batteries). From the description it appears that they are pieces of field artillery of 76 mm. This unit belongs to an artillery regiment located in Tirana.
3. Movement in the harbor of Durres is not great. At the end of September 1948 a Bulgarian ship arrived with a load of grain and flour. About 15 September 1948 a Soviet ship arrived with a load of ammunition and supplies for the Army. The same ship discharged about 300 draft animals intended for the Army. There were about fifteen motorboats (all Albanian) in the harbor at the time. There were also two coast patrol boats of the Albanian Navy which alternately make daily patrols. A small number of sailors are stationed at the harbor.
4. About the middle of September a Rumanian steamship sailed from Durres for Bulgaria carrying an Albanian Youth Brigade. The same ship had brought to Durres a Bulgarian Brigade which was to work on the Tirana-Durres railroad line.
5. To the left of the road to Durres there are barracks for armored forces. There are about 20 small tanks nearby possibly belonging to the People's Security Division. There are infantry barracks in the same area. An infantry battalion of 1 Infantry Division is stationed here. About 2,500 draftees from the Divri-Tirana-Episkopi-Elbasan region are expected in the Durres area.
6. To the right of the road to Durres there are shops, storehouses for materiel and foodstuffs, a parking place, and the camp of the transportation unit. There are usually about 250-300 automobiles in this parking place. There is a report that the repair shops there include a gunsmith's shop which for the past three months has been repairing and making weapons of Soviet type.

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7. In the same area there are barracks for a battalion of engineers. There are also shops for the manufacture of shovels and pick-axes.
8. There is also a barracks for a communications unit, whose identity and composition are unknown. There are installations for the repair of wireless apparatus.

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